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Subject: RE: Appropriations Committee Releases FY19 Homeland Security Bill
Date: Wed Jul 18 2018 13:39:29 EDT
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Oh gosh....hopefully they do

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Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:10 PM
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Mid week next week....if they let us have one.

On Jul 18, 2018, at 12:57, LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

When do you think the full committee will mark up?

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 9:34 AM
To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen

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Thank you, (b) (6)

Lauren Brackett

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To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Bcc:
Subject: FW: Potential McCaskill Issues for C1 hearing tomorrow
Date: Tue Jul 17 2018 18:53:23 EDT
Attachments: Border Wall Real Estate Update 071718.docx
DAUM Signed response 03-20-2018.pdf
HSGAC Minority Report_Border Wall Land Acquisition_NOV 2017.pdf
HSGAC Minority Report_CGAP Analysis_MAR 2018.pdf

Hi (b)(6);(b)(7)(C),

See below, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) mentioned that maybe you could help us with the opioids issue below...

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) are point on this issue, I have cc'd them

Thanks!!

Kim

From: LOWRY, KIM M
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 6:45 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
FRIEL, MICHAEL J (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Potential McCaskill Issues for C1 hearing tomorrow
Importance: High

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) pulled together the below reference materials for the C1's prep for the hearing tomorrow in anticipation of questions related to the border wall that Sen. McCaskill may ask (specifically related to land acquisition and field commanders' assessment of the need for wall), please see the following

reference materials. In addition to these issues, we found out late this afternoon that Senator McCaskill may ask about the opioids issue. She has done a series of reports on the issue, one relating to CBP where she focuses on the reduced number of officers. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) will provide the summary and report in the morning along with talking points we have on this issue.

I have included OPA to see if they can provide the rebuttal language/talking points used to counter the CGAP process report as well as any talking points that they have in response to the McCaskill opioids report that we may not have.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/22/us/politics/border-patrol-wall-immigration-trump-senate-democrats.html>

The relevant quote from the article is as follows: "The U.S. Border Patrol has been very clear that a border wall is essential to gaining operational control of the Southwest border," said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the chief of the Border Patrol's strategic plan and analysis directorate. "The fact is, when it comes to border security, the border walls system works. Suggestions that the Border Patrol believes otherwise are false."

Thanks,

Kim

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Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Subject: Summary of Potential McCaskill Issues
Date: Tue Jul 17 2018 18:17:02 EDT
Attachments: Border Wall Real Estate Update 071718.docx
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FW: CBP IN THE NEWS - NY Times on Senate Minority Report (3).msg
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Subject: OCA Items
Date: Thu Jun 14 2018 18:57:55 EDT
Attachments: New R Border Sec Immig Reform Act highlights 6.14.18.pdf

Commissioner and Deputy,

Wanted to provide you a quick update on some items of interest from today:

- Chief (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did an OUTSTANDING job in briefing HAC and SAC on Wall earlier today. The briefings occurred separately due to scheduling but the same content was presented. Staff had a number of questions and both briefings ran over 90 minutes, but the briefing team was able to fully address all questions from staff. Staff noted their appreciation for the clear and detailed information that was presented on the levee issue. In terms of solutions, SAC did not appear open to any funding solution that leveraged FY18 wall program funding; HAC seemed more open to transferring savings in other projects. SAC were more focused on the rerack of the FY 2019 funding request and requested a map showing the locations that could be funded in the remaining FY 2018 miles were prioritized. Great work by (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) in prepping the BP team.
- As (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) indicated, House leadership released its compromise language regarding the

immigration bill (highlights attached). The Heritage Foundation has already come out against it and, at this point in time, it doesn't seem to be getting a lot of traction from the Republican caucus. Despite uncertainty as to whether or not it can reach the 218 vote threshold, leadership still plans a vote on this legislation as well as the Goodlatte/McCaul bill next week.

- The newest iteration of the STOP Act passed the full House today by a vote of 352-53. It was discharged from Senate Finance earlier in the week. We will continue to track to notify you if/when it receives a vote.
- Continuing to forge ahead regarding Monday's codel to San Diego. For your situational awareness, in addition to stopping at ORR and ICE facilities in the area, the codel will spend time at both San Ysidro and Brown Field Station. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) from OCA has done a nice job in consistently engaging staff on rules (ex: no cell phones) and was able to ensure that Ranking Member Roybal-Allard could be added to the list of attendees at the last-second.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these issues.

V/r,

Pete

Pete Ladowicz

Assistant Commissioner

Office of Congressional Affairs

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Sounds good, thanks for the help.

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Looping in our experts on Wall issues. I think they are going to be better able to assist.

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

- I received the below request from Sen. McCaskill's office yesterday evening. This request is in response to the attached letter DHS received back on March 7th of last year.

(b) (5)

Happy to discuss further if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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While I have you, I would also like to follow up on our outstanding request to review CBP's "Wall Decision Support Tool" data.

If you'll recall, we were briefed on the Decision Support Tool by Border Patrol Strategic Planning & Analysis and Grant Thornton representatives on January 19; however, we were not given direct access

to the tool data. Rather, Grant Thornton representatives clicked through a limited portion of the data, and HSGAC Minority staff then developed a short list of questions that we asked CBP to answer. Unfortunately, CBP has refused to comply with this request. Per your April 6 email, CBP determined that answering our questions would exceed the capacity of an existing task order with Grant Thornton and would somehow violate federal law.

To mitigate your concern about incurring additional expenses/task orders, I would like to return to our original ask. We would like to be provided with direct access to all of the Wall Decision Support Tool data that was collected. That way, HSGAC Minority staff can query the system ourselves, rather than having your staff or Grant Thornton do the work.

I will leave it up to you on how you would like to arrange this data review. I understand that for a recent GAO performance audit (GAO-18-489SU), CBP set up terminals at CBP HQ and GAO auditors were permitted to click through the data themselves. This would be an acceptable arrangement for our staff, too. In our January 19 briefing, it appeared that the Excel spreadsheet Grant Thornton created should be easy enough for our staff to navigate. We do not require additional hand-holding by the contractors. If you provide us with a terminal – or send us the raw data – we will conduct the review. If a review at CBP HQ is not your preferred option, we are open to any other suggestions you may have. We fully expect that this data review will take several days to complete – and may require the work of several HSGAC staff members.

At your convenience, please let me know whether CBP will be able to comply with this request. And if you could, please send me some dates that might work well for the data review on your end.

Thanks in advance for your assistance, and I'm available by phone or email should you have any questions about this request.

Best,

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Hey (b) (6) – Thanks for the follow up. We have tasked this out for a response and will work towards meeting your deadline. Will follow up with you once I have more information.

Thanks again,

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From: (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 3:55 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Letter from Ranking Member McCaskill

Hi (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Can you confirm that you received the below-referenced letter that my colleague, (b) (6) , sent on Friday? Additionally, do you foresee any issues in meeting Ranking Member McCaskill's June 29 requested deadline?

Best,
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) (HSGAC)
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:25 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>;
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Good Morning (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Attached, please find a letter from Ranking Member McCaskill to Commissioner McAleenan regarding land acquisition along the southwest border. I believe my colleague, (b) (6), reached out to you regarding this letter earlier this week.

Please note that my boss is requesting a June 29 response to this letter. If you have questions or should you be unable to meet this deadline, please reach out to (b) (6) (CC'd) or myself.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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FYI - We should chat about this tomorrow morning.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 6:49:32 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Letter from Ranking Member McCaskill

Thanks (b) (6)

While I have you, I would also like to follow up on our outstanding request to review CBP's "Wall Decision Support Tool" data.

If you'll recall, we were briefed on the Decision Support Tool by Border Patrol Strategic Planning & Analysis and Grant Thornton representatives on January 19; however, we were not given direct access to the tool data. Rather, Grant Thornton representatives clicked through a limited portion of the data, and HSGAC Minority staff then developed a short list of questions that we asked CBP to answer. Unfortunately, CBP has refused to comply with this request. Per your April 6 email, CBP determined that answering our questions would exceed the capacity of an existing task order with Grant Thornton and would somehow violate federal law.

To mitigate your concern about incurring additional expenses/task orders, I would like to return to our original ask. We would like to be provided with direct access to all of the Wall Decision Support Tool data that was collected. That way, HSGAC Minority staff can query the system ourselves, rather than having your staff or Grant Thornton do the work.

I will leave it up to you on how you would like to arrange this data review. I understand that for a recent GAO performance audit (GAO-18-489SU), CBP set up terminals at CBP HQ and GAO auditors were permitted to click through the data themselves. This would be an acceptable arrangement for our staff, too. In our January 19 briefing, it appeared that the Excel spreadsheet Grant Thornton created should be easy enough for our staff to navigate. We do not require additional hand-holding by the contractors. If you provide us with a terminal – or send us the raw data – we will conduct the review. If a review at CBP HQ is not your preferred option, we are open to any other suggestions you may have. We fully expect that this data review will take several days to complete – and may require the work of several HSGAC staff members.

At your convenience, please let me know whether CBP will be able to comply with this request. And if you could, please send me some dates that might work well for the data review on your end.

Thanks in advance for your assistance, and I'm available by phone or email should you have any questions about this request.

Best,

(b)
(c)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:38 PM
To: (b) (6) @hsgac.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter from Ranking Member McCaskill

Hey (b) (c) – Thanks for the follow up. We have tasked this out for a response and will work towards meeting your deadline. Will follow up with you once I have more information.

Thanks again,

(b)
(c)

From: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: RE: Wall briefing

Date: Fri May 11 2018 12:25:55 EDT

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Thanks and understood. We will follow up.

Too crazy right now indeed.

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:40:08 AM

To: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K

Subject: RE: Wall briefing

Yes...there is a window you are missing but maybe that isn't such a bad thing. After (b) (6) and I discussed yesterday and knowing that the \$(b) (5) is a priority (per OMB), we decided that the request for a delay was fine with us. Yes, we do want information but we also want accurate information. Also,

(b) (5)

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Does that make any sense?

Thanks and hope things are not too crazy for you guys...this 100 prosecution thing makes me shake my head...

(b) (6)

From: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:34 AM

To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Wall briefing

That approach can work as well. I understood from the team that you needed it today or we were

missing a key window. We will recalibrate.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 6:36:14 AM
To: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K
Subject: Re: Wall briefing

Kevin, I guess I am confused. I thought that you (CBP) couldn't brief so we cancelled yesterday afternoon? We may be able to put it back on at 11. However, if you need more time to get us better info, then (b) (6) and I both think we delay til we get a full story. Frankly, if it is almost better if this is delayed so then we have better facts and figures.

Frankly, anything we would do would not really occur til we conf 19 sometime later this year so there is time (months) to get all the facts and get much better estimates.

(b) (5)

Thanks, (b) (6)

> On May 10, 2018, at 22:47, MCALEENAN, KEVIN K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
>
> Hi (b) (6)
>
> I'm working with the Dept to ensure we can share as much information on the gap and our strategy tomorrow. Would appreciate if we could keep the briefing on calendar and I will follow up ASAP with a call to ensure you have the information you need. I appreciate your patience and partnership. Thanks,
>
> Kevin
>

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: FW: Senator Cornyn Request for Info on Proposed Wall Construction in Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park
Date: Fri Apr 13 2018 13:40:20 EDT
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Could you check with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b) (6) @judiciary-rep.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:09 PM
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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On a completely separate front..... Who would be a good POC at CBP who I could talk to about CBP needs in terms of dealing with human migrant remains?

(b) (6)

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Hi (b) (6)
It looks like next week. Sorry for not replying sooner. I thought (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was reaching out. I will circle back tomorrow with a date.
Take care
Kim

From: (b) (6) (Judiciary-Rep)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:55:23 PM
To: LOWRY, KIM M
Subject: RE: Senator Cornyn Request for Info on Proposed Wall Construction in Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park

Just touching base whether you think it will be tomorrow or more likely next week? Thanks.

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Kim -- Just seeing if there has been any update on this in terms of a time/date set, as I know it's something the Senator is wanting us to follow up with him on sooner rather than later -- thx.

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Date: Fri Apr 13 2018 09:52:30 EDT

Attachments:

Thanks

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 9:47:33 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) will be the briefer. With that said, we've not been able to get ahold of her to set up this briefing.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) any luck getting ahold of her today?

Thanks,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:57 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Senator Cornyn Request for Info on Proposed Wall Construction in Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Please see below. Would you let me know dates we are available to brief next week and who will brief?
Thank you
Kim

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:48:24 PM
To: LOWRY, KIM M
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Ok thanks and no problem. J

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Hi (b) (6)

It looks like next week. Sorry for not replying sooner. I thought (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was reaching out. I will circle back tomorrow with a date.

Take care
Kim

From: (b) (6) (Judiciary-Rep)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:55:23 PM
To: LOWRY, KIM M
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Just touching base whether you think it will be tomorrow or more likely next week? Thanks.

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To:

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Cc:

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Bcc:

Subject:

RE: Grant Thornton Call

Date:

Thu Apr 12 2018 17:07:14 EDT

Attachments:

Ok. Let's discuss tomorrow.

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:31:56 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M; LADOWICZ, JOHN P

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Grant Thornton Call

Pete - Below is the response I received from (b)(6) last Friday in response to my Grant Thornton email. Please let me know when you're available to chat about this.

Thanks,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) @hsgac.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 5:52 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6) @hsgac.senate.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Grant Thornton Call

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Thanks for this detail. However, we are still awaiting a clear response to the first and last sentences in (b)(6) email to you.

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 6, 2018, at 4:30 PM, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:

>

> (b)(6) - Thanks for the email and outlining your below requests. I've looked into the Grant Thornton data request that came up during our phone call a few weeks ago, and as we discussed during this conversation CBP does not have the capability to provide the additional information you requested. The work was completed under a contract between CBP and Grant Thornton that has reached its contract ceiling. The analysis requested would require additional training and expertise from Grant Thornton beyond the scope of the existing task order, so additional work would need to be solicited. This would require an unplanned increase to the contract ceiling in the midst of an ongoing effort to recomplete the services. CBP could not accept these services without charge, as under 31 U.S.C. § 1342, Agency officers and personnel may not accept voluntary services absent specific statutory authority, and thus would need to reimburse Grant Thornton for additional services. As described above however, CBP has reached its contract ceiling, and does not have the resources allocated to reimburse these services. Thus, CBP cannot accept any gratuitous services beyond the scope of the existing and funded task order, which is at its ceiling. Because of these fiscal and contractual reasons, CBP cannot provide additional data or information in response to this effort.

>

> Regarding the request outlined in your last bullet below, I request you reference CBP's response to question 2 of the attachment.

>

> Finally, I need to look into your request for the January 2018 slide deck that was used for the Grant Thornton briefing as well as your request for a glossary of terms. I'll follow up with you once I have more information.

>

> Should you need anything else, please let me know.

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> Thanks,

> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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> From: (b)(6)@hsgac.senate.gov]

> Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 2:53 PM

> To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

> Cc: (b)(6)@hsgac.senate.gov>; (b)(6)

> (b)(6)@hsgac.senate.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

> Subject: Grant Thornton Call

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> Good afternoon (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

>

> I'm following up to see what you heard back from your contracting office regarding a joint call between HSGAC staff, CBP officials, and representatives for Grant Thornton. As we mentioned in our call with you and Chief (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) last Wednesday, we are interested in scheduling this call to try to find a solution for accessing the Wall Decision Support Tool data Committee staff requested January 23:

>

>

> • For Pillar 1 (Ability to Achieve Strategic Objectives), please list all SW border segments that received a “1” and a “5” ranking – by individual metric and by an average of all five metrics – and, for each segment, please make sure to include the number of geographical miles in each segment and the number of miles where wall system has been proposed in each segment.

>

> • For Pillar 3 (Operational and Engineering Feasibility), please provide a ranked list of all 197 border segments by each metric (Ability to operationally support, Land Acquisition, Buildability, and Environmental Factors) and a ranked list by a weighted score based on all four metrics.

>

> • Please provide a glossary of terms (e.g. what does “ability to operationally support” mean). Additionally, please list all subcomponents that factored into each metric under Pillar 3 (Feasibility). For example, with “Land Acquisition,” we understand that a 1, 2, and 3 ranking was assigned to three subcomponents: 1. Number of tracts/landowners; 2. Ease of identifying landowner; 3. Landownership records.

>

> • Please provide a copy of the January 2018 slidedeck that was used for our briefing with Grant Thornton

>

> • Please identify where the roughly 700 miles of SW border that were not included in the Wall Decision Support Tool are located. Conversely, please identify where the 1,297 miles of border included in the Wall Decision Support Tool are located.

>

> Based on Chief (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) comments, we expected to hear back from you on this Thursday or Friday of last week.

>

> Have you identified a convenient time for the call?

>

> Thanks in advance.

> --

> (b) (6)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To: (b) (6)

(b) (6) @lankford.senate.gov>

Cc: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Bcc:

Subject: RE: question on border security legislation

Date: Thu Apr 12 2018 11:46:01 EDT

Attachments:

Understand. Thanks, (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) @lankford.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:30 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: question on border security legislation

Ok thank you. We'd like to see it removed.

(b) (6)

Legislative Director and General Counsel

Senator James Lankford (R-OK)

316 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

(b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:28 AM

To: (b) (6) @lankford.senate.gov>

Cc: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: question on border security legislation

Hi (b) (6)

We have checked with DHS and others over the past few days. We don't have any information on this issue. We are checking with our Chief Counsel to see if they have further insight.

If we find out any information, I will let you know.

Thanks,

Kim

From: (b) (6) (Lankford)
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2018 3:00:39 PM
To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P
Subject: question on border security legislation

Can you tell me why the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is listed as one of the statutes carved out of the application of the Building America's Trust Act and the Securing America's Future Act?

I have been told that this was a request from the administration, so I'm trying to find out why.

Thanks!

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PROHIBITIONS ON ACTIONS THAT IMPEDE BORDER SECURITY ON CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND.

(a) Prohibition on Interference With U.S. Customs and Border Protection-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary concerned shall not impede, prohibit, or restrict activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection on covered Federal land to execute search and rescue operations or to prevent all unlawful entries into the United States, including entries by terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband through the southern border or the northern border.

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(B) the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of tactical infrastructure and border technology as set forth in section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (as amended by section 102 of this Act).

(c) Exemption From Certain Laws-

(1) IN GENERAL- The activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection described in subsection (b)(2) may be carried out without regard to the provisions of law specified in paragraph (2).

(2) PROVISIONS OF LAW SPECIFIED- The provisions of law specified in this paragraph are all Federal, State, and other laws, regulations, and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to the subject of, the following laws:

(A) The National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(B) The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(C) The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the 'Clean Water Act').

(D) Division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code (54 U.S.C. 300301 et seq.) (formerly known as the 'National Historic Preservation Act').

(E) The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.).

(F) The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.).

(G) The Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa et seq.).

(H) The Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.).

(I) The Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4901 et seq.).

(J) The Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.).

(K) The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

(L) Chapter 3125 of title 54, United States Code (formerly known as the 'Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act').

(M) The Antiquities Act (16 U.S.C. 431 et seq.).

(N) Chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code (formerly known as the 'Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act').

(O) The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.).

- (P) The Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.).
- (Q) The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.).
- (R) The Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88-577, 16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).
- (S) The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).
- (T) The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).
- (U) The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a, et seq.).
- (V) The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).
- (W) Subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the 'Administrative Procedure Act').
- (X) The Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106.FF09145)
- (Y) Sections 102(29) and 103 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103.FF09433)
- (Z) Division A of subtitle I of title 54, United States Code (formerly known as the 'National Park Service Organic Act').
- (AA) The National Park Service General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a.FF091 et seq.).
- (BB) Sections 401(7), 403, and 404 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95.FF09625)
- (CC) Subsections (a) through (f) of section 301 of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note).
- (DD) The Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) (commonly known as the 'Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899').
- (EE) The Act of June 8, 1940 (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.) (commonly known as the 'Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act').
- (FF) The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).
- (GG) Public Law 95.FF09341 (42 U.S.C. 1996)(commonly known as the 'American Indian Religious Freedom Act')
- (HH) The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.).
- (II) The National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a et seq.).
- (JJ) The Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 (16 U.S.C. 528 et seq.).

(b) (6)

Legislative Director and General Counsel

Senator James Lankford (R-OK)

316 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

(b) (6)

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From: (b)(6)@mail.house.gov>  
To: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: Fwd: fencing  
Date: Wed Mar 21 2018 20:54:03 EDT  
Attachments:

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From: (b)(6)@mail.house.gov>  
Date: March 21, 2018 at 8:18:19 PM EDT  
To: HRC (b)(6)@mail.house.gov>  
Subject: fencing

A total of \$2,281,357,000 is provided for Procurement, Construction, and Improvements. This amount includes the following: \$445,000,000 for 25 miles of primary pedestrian levee fencing in Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas; \$196,000,000 for primary pedestrian fencing in Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas; \$251,000,000 for approximately 14 miles of secondary replacement barrier in San Diego Sector, California; \$445,000,000 for replacement of existing primary pedestrian fencing; \$38,000,000 for border barrier planning and design; \$10,000,000 for innovative towers; \$39,238,000 for Integrated Fixed Towers; \$41,955,000 for cross border tunnel threat; \$3,000,000 for nationwide situational awareness on handheld devices; \$87,193,000 for Remote Video Surveillance Systems; \$16,000,000 for agent portable surveillance systems; \$16,000,000 for linear ground detection systems; \$10,000,000 for small UAS; \$46,838,000 for Mobile Video Surveillance Systems; \$7,000,000 for Northern Border RVSS; \$9,000,000 for maritime detection projects on the Northern Border; \$49,738,000 for road construction, \$20,000,000 for unattended ground sensors; \$2,739,000 for tactical aerostats; \$8,000,000 for Mobile Surveillance Capability; \$34,000,000 for the Automated Commercial Environment; \$224,640,000 for opioid detection and non-intrusive inspection equipment; \$74,121,000 for additional light enforcement helicopters; \$8,573,000 for coastal interceptors; \$3,300,000 for FAA Next Generation capabilities; \$77,530,000 for multi-role enforcement aircraft; \$14,034,000 for a UH-60 medium lift helicopter; \$13,250,000 for tactical communications; \$1,200,000 for DOD-reuse; \$45,000,000 for a new Border Patrol Station; \$14,775,000 for OFO facilities; and \$16,433,000 for revenue modernization.

(b)(6)

Deputy Chief of Staff  
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From: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Bcc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Follow-up on Request: Proposals to Reduce Impediments to Border Security Infrastructure

Date: Thu Jan 11 2018 19:19:26 EST

Attachments:

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Let's chat tomorrow. Maybe he can get EVUS through as a stand-alone.

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 5:55:45 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Follow-up on Request: Proposals to Reduce Impediments to Border Security Infrastructure

FYSA: Chairman Johnson's staff sent the following note this afternoon. Do we have any specific leg proposals that we'd like to refer to them? (b)(6) will be attending the 101 briefings on Tuesday; that might be a good time to discuss.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Congressional Liaison Specialist | Border, Air & Marine Operations  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Congressional Affairs

Office: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) | Mobile: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) | E-Mail: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6)@hsgac.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 4:27 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6)@hsgac.senate.gov>; (b)(6)@hsgac.senate.gov>



Subject: Follow-up on Request: Proposals to Reduce Impediments to Border Security Infrastructure

Hi (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Thanks for taking the time to chat with me yesterday about the costs of the border wall. We truly appreciate it.

We understand that CBP may be pursuing several options for moving its proposed statutory changes regarding border security infrastructure. As mentioned, the Chairman may be interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring the amendments/legislation proposed in the document dated December 2017.

Please provide us with a copy of the draft proposals at your earliest convenience. We understand that the proposals may need to be finalized. Thus, draft language that could help facilitate our understanding of the impacts of the proposals on border security would be appreciated.

All the best,

(b) (6)

U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Majority)

Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To:

LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: FW: Cmte Passed Border Bill

Date: Wed Oct 25 2017 15:26:04 EDT

Attachments: Committee Print.docx

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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From: (b)(6)@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 5:59 PM

To: (b)(6)@who.eop.gov>; (b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(6)@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Cmte Passed Border Bill

For the purposes of version control, any future conversations/edits should be made to this version of the bill.

(b)(6)

| Staff Director

Border and Maritime Subcommittee

House Committee on Homeland Security

Ford HOB H2-176, Washington D.C., 20515

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To:

Cc:

LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Bcc:

Subject:

RE: GSA/CBP

Date:

Tue Oct 24 2017 09:49:27 EDT

Attachments:

CBP OFAM Border Security Bill Supplemental Info (\$4B) CBP Infrastructure....docx  
CBP redline McCaul Border Bill v3.0\_OFAM Update.docx

Attached is OFAMs response to that tasking - (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was on those emails but she is from their Strategic Communications shop.

I would start with her to find a SME.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Office of Congressional Affairs

Desk: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Mobile

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:34 AM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: GSA/CBP

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) - who in OFAM provided comments on Section 201? Can we get them on a call with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to discuss?

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:32 AM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: GSA/CBP

Ladies,

Would it be possible to speak to CBP SME on modernization and expansion related to Section 201 of the border bill.

From:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To:

LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

LADOWICZ, JOHN

P

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Bcc:

Subject:

RE: Senate Budget Resolution - Federal Benefits Reform Language

Date:

Wed Oct 18 2017 08:57:36 EDT

Attachments:

03-10-17 HSGAC Letter to Budget re FY2018 Senate Budget Resolution.pdf

03-10-17 McCaskill Letter to Senate Budget Cmtte re FY2018 Budget Resolution.pdf

CPRT-115SPRT27001.pdf

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Good Morning,

As promised, I have attached the copies of the letters from Sen. Johnson and Sen. McCaskill here. One thing I wanted to highlight is that the letters are dated for March, when they were originally sent to the Budget Committee. It appears updated letters weren't incorporated into the report for this delayed effort by the Budget Committee. I have also attached a copy of the full report.

The S. Con. Res 25 does not include reconciliation instructions for HSGAC and so any legislation making recommended changes to Federal benefits would require 60 votes in the Senate.

Also worth noting is that some of the letters included in the report for the Budget Resolution came from the Chairman and were signed by all Majority members of those Committees. The HSGAC letter came exclusively from Sen. Johnson so while they may not have been invited by the Chairman to join his letter, we cannot assume that all Majority members of the Committee endorse or support these suggestions.

Senator McCaskill's letter provides her views on several programs of particular importance to her,

noting that she did not have an Administration budget proposal at the time of the drafting of the letter to comment on, and so she focused on issues that have garnered attention of GAO, including border wall.

The Senate Judiciary Committee letter from Senator Grassley (p. 267) mentions Border Patrol and the Visa Waiver Program and the letter from the Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hatch (p. 146) mentions some trade issues related to CBP. I can pull together a more comprehensive overview of the full report, if that would be helpful.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7:50 AM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Senate Budget Resolution - Federal Benefits Reform Language

Thank you (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) I am interested in the supplemental being illuminated with regards to Federal retirement benefits. Thank you

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6:41:36 AM  
To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M  
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Subject: Senate Budget Resolution - Federal Benefits Reform Language

Good Morning,

The Senate Budget Resolution report does include letters from the Chairman and Ranking Members of the Authorization Committees commenting on the work they've completed and potential areas for savings. Each Committee handled the letters differently, some pointing to specific cost savings and others highlighting issues that should be tackled.

The HSGAC letter (p. 194) provided by Chairman Johnson is 15 pages long and mentions Federal benefits reform among the many possible areas for reform and savings. Ranking Member McCaskill provided a separate letter 9 page letter, which did not mention federal benefits reform.

Chairman Johnson's extensive letter is divided into two topic sections- Section I covers the Department of Homeland Security under which he lists 5 priorities and recommends 5 DHS programs to de-prioritize. Section II covers Governmental Affairs under which he lists 7 priorities (#7 being Federal Benefits Reform) and recommends 4 Governmental Affairs Programs to de-prioritize.

When I get into the office I can extract this letter from the 300+ page report and circulate the relevant portions. In the meantime, the federal benefits text (p.205) from Chairman Johnson's letter is below:

#### Priority #7: Making Federal Benefits Comparable to the Private Sector

The federal government paid \$82 in pension benefits to federal retirees and their survivors in 2015. The Congressional Budget Office, the Simpson-Bowles Commission, and other groups have identified a number of reforms to the federal retirement system that could reduce federal spending and bring public sector benefits in line with the private sector. Such reforms include shifting the current defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan; raising the high-level salary average from three years to five years; increasing contributions for all employees to 4.4 percent, and basing cost-of-living adjustments on a chained consumer price index. The budget that Congress debates should consider these potential changes.

Below is the outline of the "priorities" and "programs to de-prioritize" included in Chairman Johnson's letter to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Budget Committee.

#### Section 1 – Department of Homeland Security highlighted 5 priorities:

1. Border Security and Enforcement;

2. Cybersecurity;
3. Critical infrastructure protection;
4. Countering terrorism and protecting the homeland; and
5. Assisting DHS in executing its missions.

Listed DHS Programs to De-Prioritize:

1. The DHS Headquarters Consolidation Project at St. Elizabeths
2. Research and Development at the Department of Homeland Security
3. USCIS Information Technology Transformation
4. FEMA's Grant Management and Excessive Declaration of Federal Disasters
5. DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis

Section II – Governmental Affairs

1. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
2. The Government Accountability Office
3. The United States Census Business Surveys and Decennial Census
4. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) Rate Review
5. Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act
6. Protecting Whistleblowers from Retaliation
7. Making Federal Benefits Comparable to Private Sector (p. 205)

Governmental Affairs Programs to De-Prioritize

1. The Government Printing Office
2. The Government Services Administration (GSA) "tech startup"
3. Re-evaluate the benefits provided to former Presidents

It is worth noting that earlier in the report the Budget Committee outlines the various budget functions and under the Budget Function 800: General Government, includes the comment "the budget resolution supports reforms, subject to the discretion of committees of jurisdiction, for these entities to help contribute to Federal fiscal discipline."

Full Text of that portion of the report is below (p. 26)



## BUDGET FUNCTION 800: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The General Government function includes the activities of the White House and the Executive Office of the President, the legislative branch, and programs to carry out the administrative responsibilities of the Federal Government, including personnel management, fiscal operations, and property control.

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE-REPORTED RESOLUTION

The Committee-reported fiscal year 2018 budget resolution calls for \$24.7 billion in budget authority and \$24.9 billion in outlays. Discretionary budget authority totals \$17.4 billion, with \$17.7 billion in related outlays. Mandatory spending is \$7.3 billion in budget authority and \$7.2 billion in outlays. Over 10 years, budget authority totals \$276.7 billion, with \$274.4 billion in outlays, a divergence of \$0.1 billion from baseline levels.


## FOCUS ON REFORM

The General Government function encompasses many of the programs and activities that constitute the operational responsibilities of the Federal Government. It also funds the salaries of Federal lawmakers and White House officials, as well as those who staff Congress and the Executive Office of the President. The budget resolution supports reforms, subject to the discretion of committees of jurisdiction, for these entities to help contribute to Federal fiscal discipline.

I can send more when I get into the office, but wanted to get that you this morning.

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: LADOWICZ, JOHN P

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:20 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

Great. Thanks.

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:59:13 PM

To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

Absolutely, we will take a look and send around an update first thing tomorrow morning.

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

C: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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From: LADOWICZ, JOHN P

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:18:38 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

Can you/ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pls do a quick scan to see if there is any mention of Fed Employee retirement reform.  
Thanks.

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 6:52:21 PM

To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

Yes, the Senate Budget Committee released the report.

It is quite a large document and won't save as an attachment but the report for S. Con Res 25 can found here:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-115SPRT27001/pdf/CPRT-115SPRT27001.pdf>

From: LADOWICZ, JOHN P  
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:48 PM  
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

Thanks.

Does the Senate budget resolution have a report yet?

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:46:51 PM  
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) LADOWICZ, JOHN P; LOWRY, KIM M  
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

AC/DAC,

The SAC full committee markup scheduled for Thursday will also be postponed. While Senator Cochran has returned for the budget resolution votes expected later this week, it was reported that he is still recovering. Full committee markup can take several hours so that was likely a consideration in pulling the markup from the schedule.

We will keep you posted as we learn anything about rescheduling the markups.

Thanks,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

C: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 12:12:24 PM

To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P; LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

AC/DAC,

FYSA, please see below. No update yet on a re-scheduled subcommittee mark.

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b) (6) @appro.senate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 12:07 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: First Word Alert: Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

Boozman Says \$1.6b for Border Wall in Draft DHS Spending Bill

By Terrence Dopp and Erik Wasson | October 17, 2017 11:17AM ET | Bloomberg First Word

Sen. John Boozman tells reporters at U.S. Capitol that his Dept of Homeland Security draft spending bill will include \$1.6b for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

\*Boozman, an Ark. Republican, says funding would be used for wall construction in areas where most human trafficking occurs

\*Boozman says he sees border wall funding resolved in Dec. 8 omnibus spending bill, alongside fix for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals immigration program

\*Related, Oct. 9: Trump's New Immigration Demands Hand Democrats an Opportunity

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To:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Bcc:

Subject: FW: Border Wall Plan

Date: Mon Sep 11 2017 15:29:34 EDT

Attachments:

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Would you send me what you sent over? Or if you could send me the link to our shared drive for the file, I would like to look at it.

Thank you

Kim

From: (b) (6) @heinrich.senate.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:29 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Border Wall Plan

Hi Kim – I just received the info/mp. Please ignore the previous message.

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:27 PM

To: 'KIM.M.LOWRY' (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Border Wall Plan

Hi Kim – last Friday we received a brief regarding the Border Wall Plan. During the meeting we requested a detailed map of the proposed location as well as an overview of the current section of primary fencing (miles, etc.) that the replacement fencing will connect to. Please advise as to the status of this request. If you have any questions, I can be reached directly at (b) (6)

Best,

(b) (6)

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Legislative Assistant | Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich of New Mexico



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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
To: (b)(6)  
(b)(6)@heinrich.senate.gov>  
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Border Wall Plan  
Date: Mon Sep 11 2017 15:28:38 EDT  
Attachments:

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(b)(6)

Thank you for your email. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is working on the follow up items from the briefing. I have cc'd (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to let us know the current status.

Regards,

Kim

From: (b)(6)@heinrich.senate.gov]  
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 3:27 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
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To: (b) (6)  
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Cc: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Signed Response from CBP - Sen. McCaskill  
Date: Mon Sep 11 2017 15:21:49 EDT  
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Hi (b) (6)

I am including (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) We have an updated briefing that we recently provided to SAC HS staff. It doesn't have the raw data from the tool, however, it discusses how the input into the tool and the operations council determined the priorities and requirements (essentially, the current output of the tool). As you recall from our last briefing, the capabilities roadmap is part of the overall tool. I think it would be helpful if we briefed you and the majority and then also discussed the sector input into the tool. Remember, the input from the field was part of the process, however, there were other factors, such as operational data and geography, feasibility, etc... that went into the output/results of the tool. I am happy to talk with you over the phone, it may be easier.

Thanks

Kim

From: (b) (6)@hsgac.senate.gov]  
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:32 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Cc: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Subject: Re: Signed Response from CBP - Sen. McCaskill

Received. Thanks Kim. I will follow up with any additional questions on this matter.

Separately, do you have an update for us on our review of the SW Border Capability Roadmap data?

Best,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2017, at 2:03 PM, LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b) (6)

I hope you are well. I have attached the response for Senator McCaskill regarding the tactical communications issue.

Take care,

Kim

<CBP Tier 1 2017-COR-00848 MCCASKILL Signed response.pdf>

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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: RE: Checking Back

Date: Tue Sep 05 2017 09:33:26 EDT

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I would aim for the end of the week

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:30 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Checking Back

Will do. I believe that our USBP SMEs are all out of pocket all of next week so it may be the week of 18 -Sept. before they can accommodate.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Acting Branch Chief | Border, Air & Marine Operations

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Congressional Affairs

Office: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Mobile: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) E-Mail: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:28 AM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Checking Back

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

I would recommend looking at the end of next week.

Kim

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From: (b) (6) (HSGAC)

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:10:38 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M  
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Subject: Re: Checking Back

Thanks Kim. Happy to work with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to schedule a briefing and data review. Just give me an idea on dates/times, and we'll go from there.

Best,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2017, at 10:20 PM, LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b) (6)

Thank you for your reminder email. I will check on the interoperable communications letter. As for the raw data, I have met with BP a few times to review the data. They have been multitasking with several other briefings and working on prioritizing the input from the field. BP will be briefing appropriations committee staff this week and the Deputy Commissioner will be briefing Members of the Appropriations Committee this week to discuss the wall decision tool, operational review board and the operational priorities of a wall system. This is a more detailed look at the information that went into the tool (although not quite raw data) and how priorities were validated and determined for the barrier at this point in time. I think that once we complete the approps briefings, we should brief HSGAC and CHS along with the raw data as it ties everything together and you will have a better understanding on what the field provided, how the operational review board reviewed the operational priorities of a wall system and how priorities were set (again at this point in time). I am including (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to follow up and coordinate a time in the near future that will work....

Thanks

Kim

From: (b) (6)@hsgac.senate.gov]  
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 5:09 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
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Thanks,

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2017, at 5:36 PM, LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Kim

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Professional Staff Member

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Date: Tue Sep 05 2017 07:25:37 EDT

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I did. Made some edits and cleared mid week last week.

Thanks

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 10:21:25 PM  
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
Cc: LADOWICZ, JOHN P  
Subject: FW: Checking Back

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Did you receive the response back from BP on the interoperable communications letter?

Thanks!

Kim

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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Bcc:  
Subject: RE: RGV Wall Project Maps  
Date: Thu Aug 10 2017 09:14:31 EDT  
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Will do. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) is here and she is going to get on the phone with him and walk him through

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:14 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: RGV Wall Project Maps

If you would like me to sit in, just let me know when you're ready.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Acting Branch Chief | Border, Air & Marine Operations  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Congressional Affairs

Office: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) | Mobile: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) | E-Mail: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:08 AM  
To: (b)(6) @mail.house.gov> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: RGV Wall Project Maps

Great, will call shortly.

From: (b)(6) @mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:07 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) : (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
gov> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: RGV Wall Project Maps

I am available.

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M [mailto:(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)]  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:06 AM  
To: (b) (6); (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: RGV Wall Project Maps

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Are you available for a call in about twenty minutes? I would like to walk you through the maps the Congressman received and what is out in the public now. The Congressman actually received more info.

Thanks

Kim

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 11:11 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RGV Wall Project Maps

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To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: RGV Wall Project Maps  
Date: Wed Aug 09 2017 12:10:56 EDT  
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(b) (6),

Let us check with Chief (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Kim

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To: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Great meeting you  
Date: Thu Aug 03 2017 16:22:09 EDT  
Attachments:

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10-4. I sent (b) (6) an e-mail requesting guidance. For your reference, here is the background:

C2 recently met with Rep. Steve King (R-IA) to provide an overview and update on wall issues. During this meeting, the Congressman asked C2 if he personally looked at all the Wall RFPs. C2 indicated that he received an executive level overview, but did not look at the details himself. When asked who did, C2 responded that "procurement specialists trained in the proper processes" conducted the evaluation. Rep. King specifically wanted to know if there were any Border Patrol Agents involved in the first round of review. He then asked for the names of those involved in the process and expressed interest in a follow-up briefing or conversation with them. His desire to speak to CBP leadership engaged in the acquisition is to ensure that "no good ideas get lost along the way." C2 took the request as a get-back.

(b) (6)  
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From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 4:17 PM  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: FW: Great meeting you

(b) (6)

I will call her tomorrow. Please let me know what I can say tonight.

Thank you,

Kim

From: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 3:16 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Great meeting you

Sure thing – my cell is (b) (6)

Thanks!

(b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: August 3, 2017 2:57 PM

To: (b) (6) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Great meeting you

Hi (b) (6)

I can work with you on connecting Mr. King with the right folks. Do you have time to discuss?

Thanks

Kim

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 2:44:53 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M

Subject: RE: Great meeting you

Thank you all! Mr. King would just like the name and POC for who is handling the proposals on the wall – who can answer his questions on the specks, etc.

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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chief of staff  
CONGRESSMAN STEVE KING (IA-4)  
2210 Rayburn House Office building  
Washington, DC 20515  
OFFICE (b) (6)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: August 2, 2017 1:40 PM  
To: (b) (6); (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M  
Subject: RE: Great meeting you

Hi (b) (6)

Sorry I'm out of the country and my service is really poor. I'm adding Kim Lowry and (b) (6), (b) (7) and maybe they can help with the request or point me in the right direction so I can ask the right person.

Thanks !

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Adjutant to the Acting Deputy Commissioner  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 7:18:59 AM  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Great meeting you

Hi (b) (6), and (b) (6),  
(b) (7) (b) (7)(C)

Wanted to circle back on the request below for those contacts for who is looking over the plan on the border wall proposals, etc. Mr. King asked me about it again today so I was hoping you could pass

them along!

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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>; LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
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Date: Wed Aug 02 2017 15:36:53 EDT  
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The congressman wants to be able to provide informative and accurate responses to the questions that are being asked of him by his constituents and the media. Since "inaccurate" articles are being published virtually every day in his district, he is the one who has to address these issues. Since CBP is not addressing these articles, He believes that he is the only voice out there countering the activists & wall scaremongers.

The congressman's information request still needs to be addressed ASAP so he can provide responses to his constituents.

What specific planning activities (such as the geotechnical analysis) can DHS currently conduct with FY16 reprogrammed & FY17 enacted funding?

FY16 Reprogrammed (\$20 million)

- o Real estate and environmental planning and design for New Levee wall and new "border barrier system" in RGV

What specific planning activities are currently being conducted in RGV?

RE: Secretary Kelly signs waiver to expedite border construction projects in San Diego area

Is this correct?

- 14 miles of replacement fence and 1 mile for prototype = 15 miles.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 1:21 PM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande

(b) (6)

As I've noted in previous emails and conversation, our activities (and those of the Corps on our behalf) are within the scope of the reprogramming and the FY2017 Omnibus funding provided by the Congress. Based on the below characterization from the Congressman it appears that what we discussed has not been helpful, so perhaps it would be best if you worked with Kim on this issue going forward.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:14 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande

Importance: High

(b) (6),  
(b) (7)

Anything on this?

The congressman needs this information ASAP. He is doing more interviews today. Reporters are inquiring about recent published articles:

Alleged Secret Meeting Casts Shadow On Border Wall At Santa Ana National Refuge – Texas Public Radio August 1, 2017

U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar, a border wall opponent, says he's also having trouble getting information about what's happening.

The Texas Democrat represents District 28 which covers part of the border. He says Homeland Security does not have the money to build the border wall – and nothing can be built – even at the Santa Ana National Refuge.

"We asked this specific question to CPB headquarters and they're saying they cannot shift money around – so they would have to wait for this new appropriation bill – 1.6 billion dollars that we're hoping we can stop in Washington D.C. before the years over," the Congressman says.

Cuellar says there is a lot of fear and confusion about the border wall and the CBP should be doing a better job of engaging and communicating with the local communities.

"There should be more information out there. The Bush administration, when they were working on the fence they had a lot of town hall meetings – they had a lot of meetings – they went out there," Cuellar says.

Customs and Border Protection did not respond to requests for comments on this story.

<http://www.krgv.com/story/36027239/us-army-corps-confirms-aerial-mapping-for-border-levee>

PROGRESO – Markers are going in the ground and flyovers are happening in order to evaluate border security needs of the Valley levee system, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Army Corp of Engineers is mapping the levee system from Roma to "an area south of Mercedes," a spokesman said in a response to a CHANNEL 5 NEWS inquiry.

The release read:

"A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contractor is gathering topographic data to help CBP plan its border security program."

Topographical maps show changing elevations.

Aviation and mapping experts told CHANNEL 5 elevations can be determined from the air, using markers and photographs from at least two angles.

Push for border wall disrupts National Butterfly Center - Local reaction to preliminary border wall

Thank you,

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:59 PM

To: (b) (6); (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande  
Importance: High

Congressman wants to know the following:

What specific planning activities (such as the geotechnical analysis) can DHS currently conduct with FY16 reprogrammed & FY17 enacted funding?

FY16 Reprogrammed (\$20 million)

- o Real estate and environmental planning and design for New Levee wall and new “border barrier system” in RGV

What specific planning activities are currently being conducted in RGV?

RE: Secretary Kelly signs waiver to expedite border construction projects in San Diego area

Is this correct?

- 14 miles of replacement fence and 1 mile for prototype = 15 miles.

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 12:25 PM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande  
Importance: High

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will begin constructing the first segment of President Trump's border wall in November thr...

[Read the full story](#)

Rio Grande Valley Monitor ran the Texas Tribune article. Rep Cuellar is receiving numerous interview requests and having to answer questions every day on this article. What is CBP doing to inform stakeholders that the article is incorrect? Can OCA or OPA please provide an official statement?

FY17 Omnibus Language in the House Report (Page 739).

- (1) \$341,200,000 to replace approximately 40 miles of existing primary pedestrian and vehicle border fencing
- (2) \$78,800,000 for acquisition and deployment of border security technology; and
- (3) \$77,400,000 for new border road construction:

Provided, That the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a risk-based plan for improving security along the borders of the United States, including the use of personnel, fencing, other forms of tactical infrastructure, and technology, that—...

Thank you,

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 3:59 PM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande

Hi (b) (6)

This reporting is not correct. As you're aware, we currently only have funding in FY 2017 for gate construction in RGV. We also have the reprogramming funding to support planning activities (such as the geotechnical analysis that has been noted) but that too does not support RGV wall construction. Please let me know if I can answer any further questions.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 3:10 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande

Is there anything to this?

Construction of first border wall segment to begin sooner than expected along Rio Grande – Texas Tribune

“U.S. Customs and Border Protection will begin constructing the first segment of President Trump’s border wall in November through a national wildlife refuge, using money it’s already received from Congress.”

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

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Cell: (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>  
Bcc:  
Subject: Re: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting  
Date: Tue Aug 01 2017 13:33:03 EDT  
Attachments:

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Thank you, Kim.

From: "LOWRY, KIM M" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 1:31 PM  
To: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>  
Subject: RE: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting

(b) (6)

I confirmed what I already thought....here is what our public affairs folks went back to the media with..... Currently we are in the research and planning process for construction of new wall so is would be premature to speak about specific locations. At this point the only specific projects that we're going to be working on, are the 35 gates in the Rio Grande Valley as authorized by the enacted FY17 Budget. Basically there are a number of gaps on the wall through RGV and those gates will be installed to close said gaps. In regards to new Wall construction projects in the Rio Grande Valley, funding will come from the FY18 budget.

Bottom line, we can't start construction in Santa Ana until we have appropriated funding in FY 2018

Thanks

Kim

From: (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov]



Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 2:20 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Subject: Re: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting

Thank you.

From: "LOWRY, KIM M" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 at 2:17 PM

To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting

I am checking.

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 1:55 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Subject: Re: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting

Thank you. Will you be able to provide us with a more detailed response today?

From: "LOWRY, KIM M" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Date: Monday, July 31, 2017 at 1:31 PM

To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>, (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting

(b) (6)

My initial check indicates this article is not accurate.

Kim



From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 11:59 AM  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cc: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @mail.house.gov>  
Subject: Follow up to Santa Ana NWR meeting

Good morning,

We wanted to follow up on Ranking Members Thompson and Vela's meeting with Acting Deputy Commissioner Vitiello last week. The Texas Tribune reported last Friday afternoon that construction in the Santa Ana NWR will begin sooner than anticipated; this information does not seem to match with what the Members were told during the meeting. Can you please explain where the disconnect is coming from on this?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Professional Staff Member | Border and Maritime Security

Committee on Homeland Security | U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) | Ranking Member

H2-117 Ford House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

(b) (6)

<https://democrats-homeland.house.gov> | @HomelandDems

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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Wall Brief  
Date: Tue Jul 25 2017 10:49:37 EDT  
Attachments: image001.jpg  
image002.jpg  
image003.jpg  
image004.png

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Thank you

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:45 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Wall Brief

Just the latest apprehension stats:

USBP

Demographic

OCT

NOV

DEC

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUNE

JULY (MTD)\*

Total

Southwest Border

UAC

6,706

7,346

7,187

4,407

1,910

1,042

997

1,480

1,961

1,943

34,979

Family Units

13,115

15,588

16,139

9,300

3,123

1,126

1,118

1,580

2,322

2,602

66,013

Single Adults

26,362

24,276

19,923

17,877

13,724

10,031

9,011

11,473

11,806

9,557

154,040

Southwest Border Total Apprehensions

46,183

47,210

43,249

31,584

18,757

12,199

11,126

14,533

16,089

14,102

255,032

\*July reflects July 1-24 daily data that is subject to change upon reconciliation at the end of the month.

From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:40 AM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Wall Brief

Got it. Please send me what you send over.

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:36 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Wall Brief

(b) (5) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) has asked us for a few more data points on apprehensions this AM.

From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:28 AM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: FW: Wall Brief

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From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:14 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
Subject: Wall Brief

Good luck on the wall brief – Judge is answering questions on it today at 11:00.

(b) (6)  
Senior Legislative Fellow

Representative John "Judge" Carter TX-31  
2110 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Office: (b) (6)

@JudgeCarter

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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

To: (b) (6)  
<(b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up  
Date: Thu Jul 20 2017 09:19:01 EDT  
Attachments:

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Hi (b) (6)  
It is a bit hectic today. How does tomorrow afternoon work?  
Take care  
Kim

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:54:04 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Thank you. That would be great. As of now, I am available any time after 1.

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

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Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:44 PM



To: (b) (6)  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Thank you, (b) (6). We are working to schedule a meeting with Rep. Vela and Chief Vitiello to discuss Santa Ana which falls in his district. He has been contacted by the media too (I am sure you saw the reporting over the last couple of days). On Friday, CBP OPA provided the media the following statement (which is very general) ....

"There have been preliminary meetings for projects under FY17 and projects that we have requested funding for under the FY18 budget.

For FY18, CBP has prioritized 28 miles of new levee wall system in Rio Grande Valley, 32 new miles of border wall system in Rio Grande Valley, and 14 miles of replacement secondary barrier in San Diego through the Border Patrol requirements analysis process.

The Rio Grande Valley area has been an area of exploitation, and an area lacking in border infrastructure. These miles will help connect existing segments of wall throughout the area and fill critical gaps."

I think it may help to do a phone call with you to talk about Santa Ana and Starr County. Are you available tomorrow afternoon?

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:58 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

He asked me this morning if I could provide a map of all current/proposed tactical infrastructure (Levee/Levee Wall/Border Wall/Access Roads, etc.) in Starr County. Starr County is the most likely place for CBP to build physical barriers in his district.

Although not in his district, we have been receiving multiple inquiries regarding the proposed levee wall that will be located at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge in Hidalgo County.



He is scheduled to do an interview today with (b) (6), Houston Associated Press regarding the following:

"I'm an AP reporter in Houston covering immigration. I had heard that DHS/CBP plans to do soil checking on a second levee site in addition to the Santa Ana refuge in preparation for possible wall construction. Has Rep. Cuellar's office received any information related to where this work might take place?"

Based on the meeting we had a couple of weeks ago, I have advised the congressman that RGV has no intent to build a double levee wall at or near the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. The levee wall will be constructed in the footprint of the pre-existing levee.

Is there an official statement we can provide?

Thank you,

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:01 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

(b) (6)

One follow up question....Did the Congressman receive additional feedback regarding the levee when he returned to his district?

Take care

Kim

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:55 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Congressman Cuellar was extremely pleased with everything. CBP did an excellent job. He wanted to express his gratitude for accommodating the events.

On behalf of the staff here, thank you to all the OCA staff, Laredo Area Port and Laredo Air Branch personnel for assisting with the logistics.

(b) (6)

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Cell: (b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:57 PM

To: (b) (6) ;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Hi (b) (6)

Just want to check to see what the feedback was when the Congressman returned from his district.

Take care

Kim

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:56:31 AM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Since FEMA will not be in attendance, when/how will they be providing the status of accreditation for the levee?

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

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Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:54 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Hi (b) (6)

Circling back to ensure we're on the same page as to scheduling. Can you please advise if we are in fact locked in for Wednesday @ 3:30pm?

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 8:33 AM

To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>; LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Thanks (b) (6),

We're prepared to speak to CBP's determination that a levee wall is the best way to meet border security requirements in the area, but to be clear, it would not be within our expertise to refute flood control claims. We engaged FEMA to understand if they felt they had any equities to represent in the discussion given the references to their communications by the Sierra Club and and they did not have concerns. They are going to provide a status of accreditation for the levee but are not planning to attend the meeting. Since it sounds like you've coordinated with IBWC already, they can plan to represent any equities they have. We'll definitely do our best to provide our perspective to address any concerns the Congressman has.

Also, I've tentatively blocked 3:30 on Wednesday based on your email below but am now hearing the meeting may have already been scheduled for Tuesday? If you could please clarify it would be very helpful in making sure we're prepared.

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 12:52:16 PM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

The congressman wanted me to ensure that CBP is prepared to provide a response to the issues articulated in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Sierra Club letter (attached). I have also attached additional documents provided by the Sierra Club regarding the proposed levee wall construction in RGV.

Sierra Club: Misleading information being put out about status of Valley levees – Rio Grande Guardian May 16, 2017

Commentary: Support for levee/border walls built on false premises - Guest Columnist (b) (6) - The Monitor March 12, 2017

Thank you,

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

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Cell: (b) (6)



From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:16 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Thanks (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:00:29 AM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Tentative: Wednesday, June 28th at 3:30pm @ Chairman Carter's office. Once all members have confirmed, I will send official notification.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

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Office: (b) (6)

Cell:

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:43 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6); LOWRY, KIM M

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Hi (b) (6),

Any update as to scheduling at this point? We've engaged with FEMA and they don't have any equities to represent, so at least that makes it easier to schedule. But I want to make sure I get this locked in on C2's calendar.

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:34 AM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>; LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

We are currently rescheduling for next Tues (6/27) or Wed (6/28). Once set I will send you all the info.

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office (b) (6)

Cell:

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:27 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) LOWRY, KIM M

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

I was just about to call you. Standing by – feel free to give me a call when you know more.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Office of Congressional Affairs

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Desk: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cell:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:24 AM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>; LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Importance: High

"Belay my last!"

We may have a reprieve. I will let you know ASAP.

(b) (6)

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Office: (b) (6)

Cell:

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:50 AM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6) 'LOWRY, KIM M'  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I am sorry, but I was unable to get the meeting pushed until next week. Give me a call and we can discuss. (b) (6) (desk) or (b) (6).

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

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Office: (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)

From: LOWRY, KIM M [mailto:(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:17 PM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b) (6)  
Cc: Schroeder, Robert  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Perfect. Thank you.

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:13:47 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M; (b) (6)  
Cc: (b) (6)  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Thanks Kim. (b) (6) and I spoke by phone and he is going to see about pushing to early next week. We should know what's possible in the morning.

From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:06 PM  
To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov  
Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)



Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

(b) (6)

I am catching up on emails from today. I have been out of pocket. We were doing coordination with OFAM and IBWC. I am not sure if Thursday will work. We will check and circle back in the morning.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Would you check with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) in the am...

Kim

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:25:42 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M

Cc: (b) (6) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

I spoke with USIBWC Principal Engineer (b) (6) (El Paso) on Friday. He is in travel this week, but will be able to phone into our meeting. Can we please tentatively set the meeting for Thursday, June 22 @ 2:30 p.m.? I need to place on the congressman's calendar before it fills.

We need for FEMA to show as well. Can you please facilitate? I can send the request through DHS OCA if needed.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

2209 Rayburn House Office Building

Office (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:49 AM  
To: 'LOWRY, KIM M'  
Cc: (b) (6); (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

(b) (6) is not IBWC congressional. He is a "Special Assistant" here in DC at the IBWC - U.S. Section. He happens to be in El Paso today.

(b) (6)

DHS Legislative Fellow

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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:43 AM  
To: (b) (6)  
Cc: (b) (6); (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

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Thank you for the heads up. Is (b) (6) the congressional office poc for IBWC? Let me check on who from FEMA would be the best person to reach out to.

Take care

Kim

From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:52 AM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
Cc: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>  
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Update:

I made contact with IBWC HQ (b) (6) late yesterday. He is bringing this matter directly to the

attention of their subject matter experts in El Paso today. I don't have a contact for anyone at FEMA. Can you please assist?

I have a meeting with (b) (6) from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Sierra Club next Tuesday (June 20).

Commentary: Support for levee/border walls built on false premises - Guest Columnist (b) (6) The Monitor March 12, 2017

Attendees -

- Sen. Cornyn's office staff
- Chairman Carter
- Ranking Member Roybal-Allard
- Rep. Cuellar

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 12:35 PM

To: 'LOWRY, KIM M'

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

Update. Congressman Cuellar has requested that the meeting take place next week.

Attendees:

- Sen. Cornyn

- Homeland Subcommittee Chairman Carter
- Homeland Subcommittee Ranking Member Roybal-Allard
- Rep. Cuellar

Purpose:

- Meeting with CBP, FEMA, IBWC regarding the need for additional levee in RGV.

Location:

- Chairman Carter's Office

Thank you,

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From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 6:46 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Hearing Follow-up

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10-4. Let me check with folks here and circle back.

Thank you!

Kim

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:44:07 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M  
Cc: (b) (6)  
Subject: Hearing Follow-up

Kim,

We need to coordinate a date and time for the brief concerning the RGV levee fencing. The congressman just informed me that Chairman Carter and Ranking member Roybal-Allard want to sit in, so he wants to have the brief in Judge Carter's office.

For reference, please see the attached letter from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Sierra Club regarding the status of the Rio Grande River levee system and the proposed levee fencing.

Here is an article addressing the issue as well.

<http://riograndeguardian.com/sierra-club-misleading-information-being-put-out-about-status-of-valley-levees/>

Please let me know a rough guesstimate on a date. The congressman will ask me about it in the morning.

Thank you,

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From: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>  
To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
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Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge  
Date: Fri Jul 14 2017 15:42:39 EDT  
Attachments:

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. Correct?

Did you share the map that was provided to us with the reporter? Titled "2017 Priorities Map – RGV"

From: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:34 PM  
To: (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>  
Subject: RE: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

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The reporter contacted us as well....I check with our public affairs office....this is what we provided....let me know if it helps....Kim

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The Rio Grande Valley area has been an area of exploitation, and an area lacking in border infrastructure. These miles will help connect existing segments of wall throughout the area and fill critical gaps.

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Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 1:34 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
Subject: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

Kim-

Ranking Member Vela was asked for comment on CBPs intention to target the Santa Ana for border wall construction. He is currently wheels up landing in about 2 hrs. He's expected to respond when he lands. Any info on Santa Ana and CBPs TI plans in the area would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your timely response.

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Ms. Lowry, (b) (6), investigative reporter with the Texas Observer asked the same question about an hour ago and here's what we just sent her. Specifically she was asking about the current plan for construction of 3 miles of levee in the Santa Ana Refuge, as she is aware of the meetings that have been taking place in the region.

Attachments added for additional background.

#### ORIGINAL QUERY

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To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
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Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill  
Date: Wed Jul 12 2017 18:17:56 EDT  
Attachments:

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:17 PM  
To: LOWRY, KIM M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill

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From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:16 PM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill

Good. Thank you.

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:13 PM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill

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From: LOWRY, KIM M  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:10 PM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: RE: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 5:07 PM  
To: LADOWICZ, JOHN P (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: FW: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill

AC, DAC,

Please see below for the release of the House mark. The allocation was very high, so they were able to fund the wall, BPA enhancements, and NII at the requested level. The other two highlights include some targeted cuts to requested levels for BP technology and AMO assets that we are looking into.

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Subject: FW: Appropriations Committee Releases FY18 Homeland Security Bill

Here it is....

NEWS

House Appropriations Committee

Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen

Website address: <http://appropriations.house.gov/>

For Immediate Release: July 11, 2017

Contact: (b) (6)

## Appropriations Committee Releases Fiscal Year 2018 Homeland Security Bill

Bill targets funds to security operations, border and immigration enforcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House Appropriations Committee today released its proposed fiscal year 2018 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations bill, which will be considered tomorrow by the subcommittee. The bill targets critical programs such as aviation security, border and immigration enforcement, customs activities, protection against cyberterrorism, natural disaster response, and efforts to stop the smuggling of drugs and people into the U.S. The legislation also includes \$1.6 billion for physical barrier construction along the U.S. southern border.

In total, the legislation directs \$44.3 billion in discretionary funding for DHS, an increase of \$1.9 billion above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. In addition, the bill includes \$6.8 billion – the same as the President’s request – for disaster relief and emergency response activities through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“The Committee takes its role in safeguarding our homeland and protecting our citizens seriously. Globalization, cyber-security, and terrorism are changing our way of life and we need to change with it. This bill fully supports our men and women on the frontline lines who work tirelessly to keep us safe. The bill also provides the necessary funding for critical technology and physical barriers to secure our borders. It is a balanced approach that enhances our capabilities and preparedness,” Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen said.

Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman John Carter also commented on the bill:

“Keeping Americans safe by protecting our homeland is a top priority. This funding bill provides the resources to begin building a wall along our southern border, enhance our existing border security infrastructure, hire more border patrol agents, and fund detention operations” Chairman Carter said. “Additionally, this bill will increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, support grants in cases of emergency and natural disaster, and provide critical resources to protect our cyber networks.”

Bill Highlights:

## Securing our Borders and Enforcing our Laws:

- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) – The bill contains \$13.8 billion in discretionary appropriations for CBP – an increase of \$1.6 billion above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. These resources ensure our borders are protected by putting boots on the ground, improving infrastructure and technology, and helping to stem the flow of illegal goods both into and out of the country. Within this total, the legislation includes:
  - \$1.6 billion for physical barrier construction along the Southern border – including bollards and levee improvements – meeting the full White House request;
  - \$100 million to hire 500 new Border Patrol agents;
  - \$131 million for new border technology;
  - \$106 million for new aircraft and sensors; and
  - \$109 million for new, non-intrusive inspection equipment.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) – The bill provides \$7 billion for ICE –\$619.7 million above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. Within this total, the legislation includes:
  - \$185.6 million to hire 1,000 additional law enforcement officers and 606 support staff;
  - \$2 billion – an increase of \$30 million above the requested level – for domestic and international investigations programs, including efforts to combat human trafficking, child exploitation, cybercrime, visa screening, and drug smuggling;
  - \$4.4 billion for detention and removal programs, including:
    - Ø 44,000 detention beds, an increase 4,676 beds over fiscal year 2017;
    - Ø 129 Fugitive Operations teams; and
    - Ø Criminal Alien Program operations, including the addition of 26 new communities to the 287(g) program, which partners with local law enforcement to process, arrest, and book illegal immigrants into state or local detention facilities.
- Coast Guard – The bill contains \$10.5 billion for the U.S. Coast Guard – an increase of \$31.7 million above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. The bill provides for a 2.1 percent military pay increase, and targets resources to improve readiness. Specifically, the bill includes:
  - \$7.2 billion for operations and training, military personnel costs, aviation and cutter hours, and maintenance of assets required to sustain readiness and response capabilities; and
  - \$1.3 billion – \$95 million above the request – for modernization and recapitalization of vessels,

aircraft, and facilities. This includes funding for the Polar Icebreaking Vessel program, the acquisition of an Offshore Patrol Cutter, an HC130-J aircraft, four Fast Response Cutters, and facility improvements at multiple locations throughout the United States.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) – The bill includes \$7.2 billion for TSA – a decrease of \$159.8 million below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. This includes full funding (\$3.2 billion) for Transportation Security Officers, privatized screening operations, and passenger and baggage screening equipment, in order to speed processing and wait times for travelers and cargo. This also includes \$151.8 million to hire, train, and deploy 1,047 canine teams to further expedite processing time.

Cybersecurity and Protection of Communications – To combat increasingly dangerous and numerous cyber-attacks, the bill includes a total of \$1.8 billion for the National Protection and Programs Directorate to enhance critical infrastructure and prevent hacking.

Within this amount, \$1.37 billion is provided to help secure civilian (.gov) networks, detect and prevent cyber-attacks and foreign espionage, and enhance and modernize emergency communications. Funds are also included to enhance emergency communications capabilities and to continue the modernization of the Biometric Identification System.

Secret Service – The bill provides \$2 billion for the U.S. Secret Service – a decrease of \$101 million below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level due to the completion of the 2016 campaign cycle. This funding level includes investments in investigations and cybersecurity, and continue funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – To respond to both natural and man-made disasters, the bill funds FEMA's disaster relief account (DRF) at \$7.3 billion.

The legislation also includes \$2.7 billion for FEMA grant programs. This includes:

- \$467 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program;
- \$630 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative, including an increase of \$25 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program;
- \$690 million for firefighter assistance grants; and
- \$350 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants.

Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) – The legislation does not fund most CIS activities, as these are funded outside the appropriations process through the collection of fees. However, the bill does contain \$131 million for E-Verify, which is funded within CIS and helps companies ensure their

employees may legally work in the United States.

Other Provisions – The bill includes several provisions to save taxpayer dollars and increase accountability at DHS. The legislation:

- Does NOT include an increase TSA passenger fees;
- Does NOT includes a redirection of Brand USA Travel Promotion fees; and
- Requires extensive reporting, including spending plans and benchmarks, to ensure funds are being spent appropriately and as intended.

For the complete text of the FY 2018 Subcommittee Draft Homeland Security Appropriations bill, please visit: <http://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP15/20170712/106241/BILLS-115HR-SC-AP-FY2018-HSecurity-FY2018HomelandSecurityAppropriationsBill-SubcommitteeDraft.pdf>

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